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Meet Susan Kamono

Quick Facts

Name	Susan Kamono
Birthday	28 October 2001
Birth Place	Lusaka, Zambia
Mother's Name	Tomaida Lungu
Mother's Profession	Janitor
Father's Name	Benjamin Kamono (divorced)
Father's Profession	Retired
Primary School	Kamanga Primary
Secondary School	Pestalozzi
2015 Grade Level	Grade 8



Susan's Family

Susan lives with her mother and five other family members (some siblings, some half siblings, and a cousin) in a rented house in Kamanga. The home has electricity but no running water. Her parents divorced in 2006, when Susan was 4 years old. The father doesn't support the family financially, but when Susan's parents were married he worked as a data analyst. Her mother is the sole provider for the family and works as a cleaner at Kamanga Primary School. She makes 2200 kwacha (\$340)/month. As a single mother, Tomaida says she is happy to have a job but continues to struggle with school fees and providing for multiple children.

Susan's Educational Background

Susan was born in the Chelston area of Lusaka, but because she grew up in her current home in Kamanga, she attended Kamanga Primary School from Grade 1 to 7. She has been a leader since Grade 1, either as a top or vice class monitor, class secretary, or class treasurer. Because her school does not have any clubs, she has not had the

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opportunity to participate in activities like debate. However, she spends most of her free time reading. She also helps her friends in the subjects she knows best- math and English. She says she enjoys helping others and has a close relationship with her guidance teacher. She consistently performs at the top of her class, in position 1 or 2. She notes the biggest challenge she has overcome was passing number 3, as she was disappointed in her marks. She overcame this by reading more and aiming high. Susan stood out at the initial group interview at Kamanga, and passed 5th on the KF exam out of 50 students.